

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES SPREAD BY SLAUGHTER HOUSES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether people living close to legal/illegal slaughter houses are contracting infectious diseases ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to conduct an enquiry into it;
- (c) if so, the details of diseases being spread alongwith the number of people infected by these slaughter houses , State-wise and union territory-wise; and
- (d) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) According to ICMR, Workers in slaughterhouses are exposed to various infectious diseases such as Brucellosis, Erysipeloid, Leptospirosis, Dermatophytosis and warts. These diseases are transmitted through contact with the infected animals or through the contamination of water. The data in respect of number of people infected by such diseases is not centrally maintained.

(d) State Pollution Control boards have pursued slaughterhouses to set up requisite pollution control facilities to ensure proper management of waste. Slaughterhouses have also been asked to adopt modern slaughtering operations for good environmental management.